what exactly the Punjab model was. So, it is not known even to the member who moved the resolution. The next subject before the House is popularisation of agricultural loans, a portion of such loans being placed at the disposal of the Co-operative Societies, by the issue on credit of seeds, improved plough and other implements, manures, etc. under a special agency. Well, this is a matter in which the Government can do very little. We have a few seed and manure depots. What the Government can do is very little when compared with the requirements of the rural population, I think it would be a very good idea if Co-operative Societies are organised on some proper lines, i.e., societies for the production and distribution of manures, seeds, etc. What the Government can do is that they can place a better kind of seeds, etc. at the disposal of the societies and the societies can in their turn distribute the seeds, etc. to their clients. The powers of the Government in this matter are very limited. We propose to have a seed and manure depot in all the Taluk Head Quarters and that is the only possible thing which can be done by the Government.

Well, the Hon'ble Member made certain observations about some demonstrations carried out at Chettupuzha. It was not a demonstration. I got some information from Burma that they have a type of paddy which could be grown in deep water. I got some seeds from Burma and had it sown in a number of places. This was some years ago. After 4 or 5 years, I got stock of the same seeds and had it tried at a place called Veluthur, further away from Chettupuzha and they were sown in lands where there are now kuttadan seeds. Sowing was done in Meenam and the paddy was ready for harvest some time in Vrischigam. There is a great draw-back in Malabar. There is very little paddy in Malabar which will flower in Thulam and the difficulty is that all the insects which are found in that particular locality get on these crops. So we lost very heavily on that experiment. The experiment was not repeated. The Hon'ble Member was saying that it was a demonstration. It was not a demonstration, but only an experiment. I have nothing further to add.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was with leave withdrawn.

21. Public roads and Lanes in Panambukad, etc.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.— "In view of the great inconvenience and hardship caused to the general public of Panambukad, Mulavukad, Kadamakkudi, Kothad and Korampadam, owing to the absence of public ways, this Council recommends to the Government that the Government may be pleased to take immediate steps to redress the grievance of the public of these places by opening public roads and lanes."

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This resolution, as the resolution itself goes, is to draw the attention of the Government to the local needs of the islands called by these names, situated on the backwater area. Now, so far as these islands are concerned, they have very little of the conveniences that are prevailing in towns like Ernakulam, Cochin or other places. The only thing that they must have is public lanes. Especially in Mulavukad, there is little drinking water. They want at least, you may not be able to provide them with metalled roads, a net work of poramboke public lanes which will be of use to the people for going from one part of the island to the other part, without crossing the parambas of their neighbours. There are a few villages here and there and the boys of these islands are put to a very great difficulty for want of passable lanes. I hope the Government will be pleased to redress their grievances. It is only for that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I beg to second it. In the island of Panambukad I have personal experience, that there are not even lanes for people to go from factories in which they work. I may instance one case for the information of the Government, that there is a factory manufacturing coir mattings, William Goodacres. There, about 800 hands are employed. These people have no road to walk through; they have to go by a ferry and from the ferry to reach the place they have to pass through private property. So, I hope the Government will look into this matter. These islanders are really suffering and public ways may be opened to them at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— The question of opening a road to Panambukad, Mulavukad and other places has been repeatedly brought to the notice of this House by the Member for the Depressed Classes and the Government thought that the road to Mulavukad should be included in the budget of 1106, but due to the limitation of funds it was not possible to include it this year. I hope to include that work, namely, the road to Mulavukad in my budget for 1107.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—And for the other islands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The other items have not yet been brought to the notice of the House before. Kadamakudi, Kothad, and Korampadam have not yet been brought to the notice of this House.

Mr. A. B. Salem:—They want only urgent roads.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We shall consider that question. Now it has been brought to the notice of the Government; we shall consider whether it is possible to make roads in these parts. We are committed to a plan of roads. I refer to the roads of Vypeen and other roads in the Cochin

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Kanayannur Taluk. Therefore, the question of limitation of funds is a very serious one.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—That is why I said that we don't want metalled roads. Provide path ways. That is enough.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Land acquisition is the main expenditure for roads in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. We have to consider this question first. The Government are in sympathy with the question. They will do all that is possible, so far as funds are available.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—As regards the road required for the use of the coolies employed in William Goodacres in Panambukad, it is a path required more for the use of the Company than for the public. There was a request made by the Company to the Government for the opening of a road and the Government offered to bear half the expenses of the land acquisition, provided the other half will be met by the Company. The Company did not accept those terms and the matter stands thus.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—In view of the Government reply, I do not wish to press this motion to a division.

The Resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

22. Transfer of Allotment.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—"This Council recommends that orders be issued by the Government that no transfer of allotment in the budget of the State be made in future from one item to another."

This subject has come before this Council on another occasion in the year 1103 by a resolution moved by me. In that resolution no doubt there were certain reservations allowing the Government to transfer allotments. But this time these reservations have been removed and the proposal is that no transfer of allotments can be allowed under any circumstances without the knowledge of this Council. To me it appears that the Council Regulation does not allow such transfers.

Section 16, clauses 6 and 7 of the Regulation clearly show this: "Subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) the proposals of our Government for the appropriation of revenue or monies shall be submitted to the vote of the Council in the form of demands for grants. The council may assent or refuse its assent to any demand or reduce the amount therein referred to, either by a lump sum reduction or by the omission or reduction of any particular item or items of expenditure of which the grant is composed." Then under sub-clause 8 the Government is given power to certify. The rules issued under the Regulation also may be looked into to clear this doubt.

Rule 46. "A separate demand shall ordinarily be made in respect of the grant proposed for each department of Government including Cranganur. Provided that the Finance Member may in his discretion include in one demand grants proposed for two or more departments or make a demand in respect of expenditure which cannot readily be classified under particular departments.

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